

c) REMARKS

The claims are 1-6 with claim 1 the sole independent claim. Claim 1 has been amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors relating solely to form.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

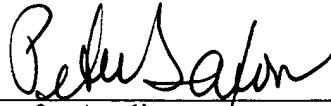
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is found in the attached abstract and in the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,027,825, herewith provided.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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